



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Older Americans Month

WHEREAS, the 2010 U. S. Census report tells us that Rhode Island is home to more than 208,000 citizens aged 60 and older; and

WHEREAS, the older adults in Rhode Island are the roots from which our community grows, sharing their wisdom and insight upon younger generations, strengthening the bonds between neighbors and creating a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, the fabric of society is enhanced by older adults living in safety, independence and dignity; and

WHEREAS, *Older Americans: Connecting the Community* will be the theme for this year's Older Americans Month celebrations; and

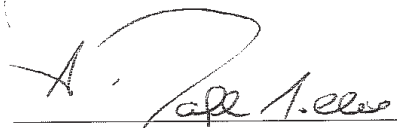
WHEREAS, Rhode Islanders wish to recognize seniors for their contributions to the diversity, strength, and unity of our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim May, 2011 to be Older Americans Month in Rhode Island and urge the state's citizens to take time this month to honor our older adults and their commitment to community; and express our gratitude and appreciation for the professionals, family members and volunteers who serve as caregivers for older Americans.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 6th day of May, 2011


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor


A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State